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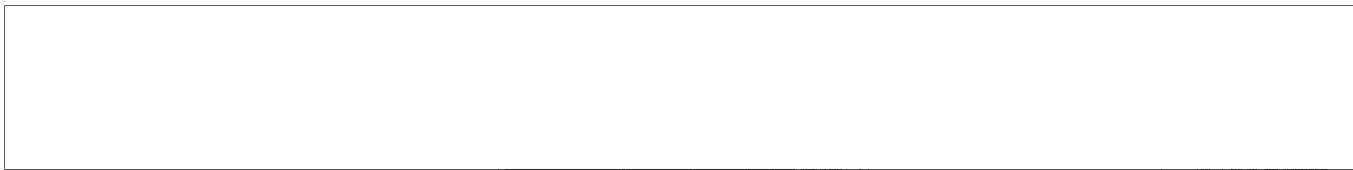
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1. The cold storage construction agency (*Przedsiębiorstwo Budowy Chłodni Przemysłowych*), the only governmental institution active in this field in Poland, is subordinate to the Central Directorate of Industrial Construction (*Centralny Zarząd Budownictwa Przemysłowego*) at No. 4, Stalina Street, Warsaw. The agency employs a staff of about 200, and occupies a large three-story building at No. 161, *Postanow Ślaskich* Street, Wrocław (Breslau).
2. When establishing new cold storage plants, the agency contracts with building firms for the actual construction, but is directly responsible for the manufacture and installation of the refrigeration plants through three factories of its own. The agency also repairs cold storage machinery throughout the country.



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3. Following are the three plants which belong to the agency:
- a. Zaklad Pomocniowy No. 1, on Tarnogaj Street, Wroclaw, which is mainly engaged in the manufacture of Magraewnice and Skraplase.
 - b. Zaklad Pomocniowy No. 2 in Bytom, which produces refrigeration units and Zawory (?).
 - c. Zaklad Pomocniowy No. 3, also in Bytom, the agency's carpentry shop, has exclusive responsibility in this field for coal storage plants.

Each of the plants is managed independently, with its own administrative and technical staff. Plant No. 1 employs eight engineers, and comprises 127 workers and clerical personnel. It comprises a production shop (Hala Zakladowa), a welding shop (Hala Spawalnicza), a motor pool of five trucks, and an office building. The production shop has the following mechanical equipment:

- a. Approximately 20 old lathes, Czech Wollmanns and German WFF machines.
 - b. Three old German-made milling machines.
 - c. Three or four electric sawing machines.
4. During the period 1948-1952 the agency set up new cold storage plants at the following locations:
- a. The municipal slaughter house in Plock (1949), comprises

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four cooling chambers (Chłodnia i Komorowa), each with a storage capacity of 500 tons. The refrigeration plant, typical of all installations put up by the agency, can maintain a temperature of 8° below zero. (sic - presumably centigrade)

- b. The chemical works Gornow 1 (?), situated 3-4 kms. from Opole off the Tarnowski Gory highway (1950). This former German enterprise, which has its own railroad line, has been considerably enlarged in recent years. The cold store comprises four cooling chambers.
- c. The cold storage plant at the Cel Wiskosa works in Jelenia Gora (1949-1952) was completed in 1952. It comprises eight refrigeration units in four cooling chambers, with a total storage capacity of nearly 4,000 tons.
- d. At the municipal slaughter house in Chrzanow near Krakow. There two new refrigeration units were installed at two cooling chambers with a total storage capacity of approximately 500 tons.
- e. The slaughter house in Wroclaw, where the installation comprises four cooling chambers with a total storage capacity of some 4,000 tons. Six cooling chambers, partially underground and partially above street level, were installed on Traugutta Street, Wroclaw. Construction of this large plant, which has its own railroad connection took four years, and was completed in 1951.

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- f. At the municipal slaughter house in Zegan, with a total storage capacity of about 1,500 tons.
5. Plant No. 1 obtains pipes, sheet metal, and other raw materials in sufficient quantities from various Polish metallurgical works. Cork for insulation purposes, on the other hand, was in short supply; in 1951 the enterprise dispatched workers' teams to the village of Krzystowice (between Zegan, Zary, and Zielonogora), where they succeeded in the course of two months in salvaging some 40 railroad carloads of cork from the installations of a former I.G. Farben plant. This material was subsequently processed into insulation sheeting by a factory in the Lesnica suburb of Wroclaw, which works exclusively for No. 1 refrigeration equipment plant.
6. The following personalities are known:
- a. Edmund Fialkowski [redacted] an expert refrigeration mechanic, is the technical manager of Plant No. 1. [redacted]
- b. Stefan Kulesza [redacted] was the director general of the cold storage construction agency from 1951 to 1955, [redacted]

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- c. Bogdan Pieniaszek [redacted] has been the personnel manager of the cold storage construction agency since 1949. [redacted]

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- d. Jerzy Sawicki [redacted] has been the supply manager of the cold storage construction agency since 1950. [redacted]

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- e. Wiersbicki, fmu, [redacted] was the director general of the cold storage construction agency until 1951. [redacted]

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